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On Wednesday, the **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)** released the following statement on the recent massacre in Nigeria:

The **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)** today expressed grave concerns about the sectarian clash in several villages outside of Jos, Nigeria, resulting in the death of as many as possibly 500 Muslims and Christians.

“When we recommended that the Administration designate Nigeria as a ‘country of particular concern’ last May, we were expressing our deep concern that a cycle of sectarian violence and impunity was intensifying, and the recent events in and near Jos confirm the precarious state of affairs,” **said Leonard Leo, USCIRF chair.**